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Subject: Injection Wells on Maui

Intent to issue an Underground injection control (UIC) permit for the Lahaina Waste water Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui

Aloha, I am writing to comment on the permit for the Lahaina Waste water Reclamation Facility here on Maui. I hope this permit is turned down or held to very tight restrictions.

I am 29 years old and grew up on Maui. The degradation of the reef I have seen in my lifetime is phenomenal. Please help Maui get off this injection well systems. For my future and the future of the next seven generations.

Injection wells are causing a high amount of degradation of our reefs. A good example is the reef at Kahekili in West Maui near Lahaina. There is a Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources study that shows the abundant algal bloom over reefs in the areas that injection reefs are present. They cause a high degree of bacteria/viruses in the ocean that Maui residents use recreationally everyday.

I request that the permit be turned down or stringent conditions be placed on the permit. It should be mandated that all injected wastewater must be treated to be very sanitary before being pumped out to the ocean. Furthermore we could reuse wastewater to irrigate a green belt in dry grass areas so therefore we must build a holding tank for storage of waste water for irrigation and fire fighting.

We desperately need to be filtering and reusing all of our water and not wasting it by pumping it out to the ocean.

I thank the EPA for coming to Maui to hold a public hearing. I request that this permit is rejected or held to very tight conditions. I am hopeful that the EPA can assist Maui in reusing waste water that is normally injected into the sea!

Mahalo, Angie

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